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Applicants : S. Charbit et al.  
Serial No. : 09/768,816  
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Examiner : Mojdeh Bahar  
Art Unit : 1617

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.135(b), and in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed July 16, 2003, Applicants respectfully petition to revive their unintentionally abandoned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/768816. The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(m) accompanies this petition.

Applicants state that the entire delay in filing a required reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2002 from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional. Specifically, Applicants filed a reply to the Final Office Action on February 4, 2003, within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action; however, it was not until June 20, 2003 -- after the six month statutory period for reply had expired -- that

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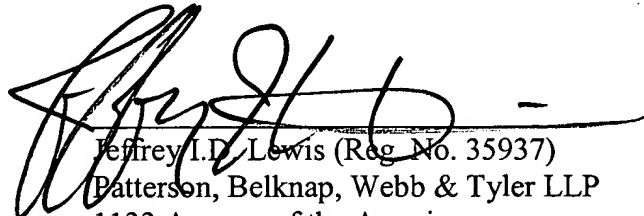
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Applicants received an Advisory Action notifying them that the February 4, 2003 reply did not place the application in condition for allowance. Unfortunately, due to a docketing error, the six month date for filing the enclosed Request for Continued Examination was not met.

Applicants wish to acknowledge the kindness of Examiner Bahar in discussing the unintentional abandonment.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.135(b)(1) and (c), the required reply to the outstanding Office Action is being filed concurrently with this petition in the form of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

Respectfully submitted,



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